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TO AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA

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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BRIDGING AT NDJAMENA

ABIDJAN FOR REDSO/WA, PARIS FOR HELMAN, ABIDJAN PASS AMB.

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REFERENCE: (A) NDJAMENA 0682, (B) ABIDJAN 2379

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1. SUMMARY. AID/W INVESTIGATING WITH U.S. ARMY MATERIEL

COMMAND (AMC) LOGISTICS FOR BOTH PONTOON AND BAILEY-TYPE TEMPORARY BRIDGING OVER CHARI. HOWEVER, PRELIMINARY RESEARCH IS NEGATIVE THESE POSSIBILITIES. REQUEST ADVICE WHETHER OTHER LAND ENTRIES POSSIBLE. END SUMMARY.

2. PONTOON BRIDGE. PRELIMINARY AMC ESTIMATE COST TYPE BRIDGE REQUIRED PER REF (A) WILL EXCEED DOLS ONE MILLION, HAPS BIGGER PROBLEM WOULD BE NECESSITY CONTINUED PRESENCE SKILLED MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL TO ADJUST BRIDGE AS CURRENTS/ SANDS SHIFT PER PARA 8 REF (B). DREDGING WOULD ALSO REQUIRE SKILLED OPERATION AND CONTINUED PRESENCE QUALIFIED PERSONNEL TO MAINTAIN CHANNEL. NORMAL LEAD TIME DELIVERY TO U.S. REPEAT U.S. PORT OF PONTOON BRIDGE IS ONE YEAR. HOWEVER, IF U.S.ARMY DETERMINES THIS A HIGHER PRIORITY WILL PROVIDE DETAILED SPECIFICS EARLY NEXT WEEK.

3. BAILEY BRIDGE. ESTIMATED COST WOULD BE IN NEIGHBORHOOD DOLS THREE TO FIVE MILLION. DETAILED ENGINEERING SITE SURVEY BY AMC ENGINEERS WOULD NEED BE ACCOMPLISHED AND DELIVERY TO U.S. REPEAT U.S. PORT FOR SHIPMENT WOULD BE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM THREE MONTHS. DELIVERY TO WEST AFRICAN PORT WOULD TAKE ANOTHER ESTIMATED MONTH BY SEA. ALSO EACH BRIDGE SET WEIGHS 233,359 POUNDS, CUBE 2861 FEET REQUIRING SIX XTRZ-TYPE TRAILERS (20 TO 30-TON VEHICLES). ERECTION SETS WEIGH 22,000 POUNDS, 716 CUBIC FEET, ONE XTRZ-TYPE TRAILER, TO MOVE PIECES TO SITE FOR INSTALLATION. AMC EXPECTS PROVIDE SPECIFICS EARLY NEXT WEEK.

4. ALTHOUGH SIZE AND LANDING/TAKEOFF FACILITY NEEDS MAKE AIRCRAFT TRANSPORT THESE ITEMS UNLIKELY, WE ARE INVESTIGATING THIS POSSIBILITY.

5. FOR YAOUNDE: DO YOU FORESEE ANY PROBLEMS THIS PROPOSED ACTIVITY FROM CAMEROON SIDE?

6. FOR NDJAMENA: OUR FIGURES SHOW THAT OF 22,500 MT ALLOCATED TO CHAD IN SECOND AND THIRD FY 74 TRANCHES, 3,000 ARRIVED PORT HARCOURT MARCH 26 AND SHOULD BE OR ABOUT TO BE ON WAY. ADDITIONAL 14,900 MT SHOULD ARRIVE APAPA BETWEEN APRIL 5 AND JUNE 4 AS FOLLOWS:
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2,700 BULK 4/5
3,200 BULK 4/18
2,500 BAGGED 5/1
3,500 BAGGED 5/20
3,000 BAGGED 6/4

ADDITIONAL GRAIN IS EXPECTED TO BE SENT FOR JUNE DELIVERY.

FINAL 4,600 MT YET UNBOOKED PLUS ANY ADDITIONAL GRAIN
ALLOCATED THROUGH REGIONAL RESERVE. PLEASE ADVISE YOUR
BEST ESTIMATE AMOUNT AND TIMING QUANTITIES WHICH MIGHT NOT
BE ABLE CROSS CHARI DUE RIVER LEVEL.

7. IT IS AID/W TENTATIVE OPINION TIMING AND PLACEMENT/
MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS RULE OUT POSSIBILITY EITHER BRIDGE
COULD MEET NEED AS EXPLAINED. ALTHOUGH AMC SPECIFICS WILL
BE IN EARLY NEXT WEEK, THESE LIKELY SOLIDIFY SUCH A CON-
CLUSION. AID/W WILL THEN MAKE DECISION RE NEED REDSO AND/
OR AID/W/ARMY ENGINEER DEPLOYMENT NEEDS. IN INTERIM,
AID/W REQUESTS INFO PER PARU GY ABOVE AND WHETHER ANY OTHER
POSSIBLE ROUTES COULD BE USED TO MOVE GRAIN INTO NDJAMENA.
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